

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING CONSERVATION CLOSURES / OPENINGS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL SHELLFISH PROGRAM

“Prior to closing or opening an area of a municipality to shellfish harvesting the municipality shall review the status of the resource affected and secure the recommendation of the DMR area biologist and the approval of the commissioner.”

Maine DMR Regulation 7.50

The following steps should be followed to gain the approval of the Commissioner in a timely manner.

PROCEDURE

1. Contact the Regional DMR biologist responsible for your town. His agreement will be required for any conservation action proposed by the municipality.

York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties

Donald Card Tel/Fax: 207-443-6559
72 Indian Carry Rd.
Bath, ME 04530

Lincoln, Knox and Waldo Counties

Ron Aho Tel/Fax: 207-586-5572
118 Kings Highway
Newcastle, ME 04553

Hancock and Washington Counties

David Clifford Tel/Fax: 207-255-3926
P.O. Box 37
E. Machias, Me. 04630

2. Fill out the attached application
3. Send the completed application, ***at least a week prior*** to the requested date, to:

Commissioner, Dept. of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
Augusta, Me 04333-0021

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To: Commissioner, Dept. of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Date: _____

FROM: _____

The town of _____ requests approval of the
Commissioner of the DMR to open / close the following shellfish growing area:

Please write the description of the boundaries of the area and attach a map showing the
area:

Contact Person for the town: _____

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax: _____

Please answer or do the following:

1. Why is this area being opened / closed?
2. If this is a conservation closure, how long will the area be closed?
From Date: _____ To Date: _____
3. If this is a conservation opening, date to be opened? _____
4. Who will enforce this conservation action?
5. How will people (harvesters and others) be notified of the action?
6. What is the State of Maine DMR classification of the growing area?
Approved (Open) ☐ Prohibited (Closed) ☐ Restricted (Depuration) ☐

**NOTE: Municipalities do not have authority to stop Depuration harvesting
in Restricted areas or to permit harvesting in Prohibited areas.**